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E.O. J SEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA11652: XGDS-2 (IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE)

STAGS: PFOR, SREF, CU, HA

SUBJ: REPORTED PLANS OF CUBAN SOCCER PLAYERS TO DEFECT

REF: STATE 297735

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBASSY HAD PICKED UP REPORTS HAITIAN MAKING ELABORATE SECURITY PREPARATIONS FOR CUBAN TEAM'S VISIT. HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO AVOID EMBARRASSING CUBANS "AT ALL COSTS". REPORTS INDICATE HAITIAN PLANNING HEAVY SECURITY COVERAGE OF TEAM AND CONSIDERING PUTTING EXTRA GUARDS AT FOREIGN EMBASSIES TO FORESTALL ANY ATTEMPTS BY CUBANS TO SEEK ASYLUM.

2. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED GENERAL POLICY FOR DEALING WITH REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM BY FOREIGN NATIONALS. WE NOTE THAT "ACTION WITH REGARD TO THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS SEEKING ASYLUM SHOULD NORMALLY BE TAKEN WITHIN THE OVERALL POLICY THAT THE GRANTING OF ASYLUM IS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY IN WHOSE TERRITORY THE REQUEST IS MADE."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE IF TEAM MEMBER OR ANY ACCOMPANYING CUBAN IS SUCCESSFUL IN REACHING EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR ASYLUM.
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